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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 2525

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, CU, SP

SUBJECT: CUBAN FISHERY OFF AFRICA

REF: STATE 70238

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS WITH GOS FISHING OFFICIAL (CONDE), EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT BOTH SOVIETS AND CUBANS ARE FISHING FOR A TYPE OF SHRIMP OF ANGOLA. CONDE SAYS ANGOLANS HAVE REFUSED TO EVEN MEET WITH GOS REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS FISHING BY SPANISH VESSELS IN ANGOLAN WATERS. ACCORDING TO CONDE THE TYPE SHRIMP CAUGHT OFF ANGOLA HAS HARD SHELL, IS DIFFICULT TO PREPARE AND HAS IN PAST BEEN CONSUMED PRIMARILY IN SPAIN. CONDE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WETHER CUBANS FISH UNDER LICENSES FROM ANGOLA, BUT HE SPECULATED THAT ANGOLAN PERMIT FISHING AS FORM OF PAYMENT FOR CUBAN ASSISTANCE IN OTHER  
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AREAS. CONDE DID NOT BELIEVE CUBANS WERE MARKETING MUCH SHRIMP IN SPAIN, SINCE PRICES FOR SAME HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED RECENTLY.

2. EMBOFF ALSO ASKED CONDE ABOUT MARCH 25-30 VISIT OF CUBAN FISHING MINISTER ANIBAL VELEZ SUAREZ TO SPAIN, ANNOUNCED IN PRESS MARCH 26. CONDE SAID HE WAS NOT

INVOLVED IN VISIT BUT THAT HE UNDERSTOOD IT WAS PRIMARILY  
TO INSPECT FISHING VESSELS WHICH ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED  
IN VIGO FOR CUBA. APPARENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN SOME  
PROBLEMS WITH BOAT ENGINES.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION  
WITH REGARD BOTH VELEZ VISIT AND PRESENT SPANISH MARKET FOR  
SHRIMP CAUGHT IN ANGOLAN WATERS. ALTHOUGH PROBLEM WITH  
BOAT ENGINES MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY  
VELEZ DURING VISIT, IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SOME 4-5  
DAYS WOULD HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO THIS ALONE. EATON

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